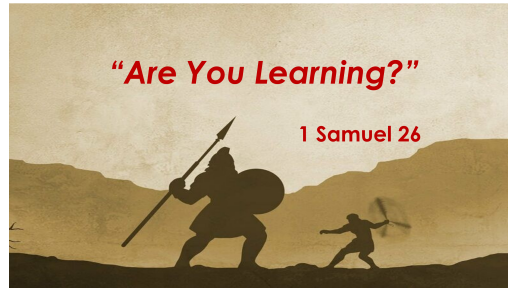


Remember report cards years ago?
It measured what, how we were learning.

We all know though, that learning never stops. We continue to have report cards, in life...

We continue learning, but are you learning?

In other words, are you taking the lessons to heart and changing, improving yourself? That's important, because if we don't learn, we don't change!



David was learning:

- We see that clearly here in chapter 26
- And we can see in the previous chapters a trace in the development of David's character.
- Exactly what the writer, the Holy Spirit, has been trying to show us.
- So, from this chapter what are some things we can see clearly that David has learned?!
- So that we can learn them as well!

Let's look at 3 things that David has learned:

- I. That God will protect him (v.3ff)
 - A. The Ziphites gave him up again (23:19)
 - B. David's response
 - C. He went to Saul – to demonstrate his innocence? Talk about confidence in God!
- II. Good deeds on good deeds
 - A. He learned the first time (in 24) and from Nabal (in 25)
 - B. Abishai – "I'll kill him, you don't have to."
 - C. Bad deeds on bad deeds, - Saul
- III. Confidence in the Lord
 - A. David goes back to his camp
 - B. He taunts Abner: (vs.16-17) sounds like fun, right?
 - C. Saul, now awake, attempts an answer
 - D. David's arguments (vs.18-20)
 - E. Saul admits his guilt (v.21),
 - F. And responds with gracious words (v.25)

Saul responds with gracious words:

- He declares David blessed (v.25)
- "You'll have a glorious future" Why?
- YOU'VE LEARNED!
- You're going to do great things;
- Because you do right.
- Not because you're on the run, your abilities, talents.
- But because you do right!!
- Learn from God, learn from your mistakes, honor God's Word!
Change!
- That's a great report card, folks!!!

Conclusion:

- Then they both, Saul and David, go their own ways
- Never to see each other again.
- What a story, what a choice, what a contrast!
- God gives you a spiritual report card today:
- What's your grade in?
 - Bible
 - Language
 - Anger, (arguing, stubbornness, hardheadedness)
 - History – how you are dealing with your past?
 - Reading – what are you looking at?
 - Getting along with others?

Are you passing? Do you need improvement?